



STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

# License for Diversion and Use of Water

LICENSE 2470

PERMIT 4740

APPLICATION 2531

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That **Elmer Oakes**  
**Big Pine, California** Notice of Assignment (Over)

has made proof to the satisfaction of the Division  
of Water Resources of California of a right to the use of the waters of **Willow Creek in Inyo County**

tributary of **Saline Valley**

for the purpose of **domestic use**  
under Permit **4740** of the Division of Water Resources and that said right to the use of said waters has  
been perfected in accordance with the laws of California, the rules and regulations of the Division of Water Resources  
and the terms of the said permit; that the priority of the right herein confirmed dates from **January 4, 1936;**

that the amount of water to which such right is entitled and hereby confirmed, for the purposes aforesaid, is limited  
to the amount actually beneficially used for said purposes and shall not exceed **sixteen thousand (16,000)**  
gallons per day from January 1 to December 31 of each season.

## locus of the

The point of diversion of such water is located about three hundred (300) feet  
northeast of Old Cabin on Willow Creek Flat and also being about three (3)  
miles West and seven-eighths (7/8) mile South of U.S.G.S. Bench Mark marked  
V.A. 2387. Said Bench Mark is shown on the U.S.G.S. Ballarat quadrangle;  
point of diversion being within **SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of projected Section 3, T 13 S, R 37 E, N.D.B.&M.**

A description of the lands or the place where such water is put to beneficial use is as follows: **Domestic**  
**use in SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of projected Section 3, T 13 S, R 37 E, N.D.B.&M. known as**  
**Willow Creek Flat.**

All rights and privileges under this license including method of diversion, method of use and quantity of water  
diverted are subject to the continuing authority of the Division of Water Resources in accordance with law and in the  
interest of the public welfare to prevent waste, unreasonable use, unreasonable method of use or unreasonable method of  
diversion of said water.

Reports shall be filed promptly by licensee on appropriate forms which will be provided for the purpose from  
time to time by the Division of Water Resources.

The right to the diversion and use of the water aforesaid hereby confirmed is restricted to the point of  
diversion herein specified and to the lands or place of use herein described.

This license is granted and said appropriator takes all rights herein mentioned subject to the terms and conditions set forth in Section 20 of Chapter 586, Statutes of 1913, as amended, which is as follows:

Sec. 20. All permits and licenses for the appropriation of water shall be under the terms and conditions of this act, and shall be effective for such time as the water actually appropriated under such permits and licenses shall actually be used for the useful and beneficial purpose for which said water was appropriated, but no longer; and every such permit or license shall include the enumeration of conditions therein which in substance shall include all of the provisions of this section and likewise the statement that any appropriator of water, to whom said permit or license may be issued, shall take the same subject to such conditions as therein expressed; *provided*, that at any time after the expiration of twenty years after the granting of a license, the state or any city, city and county, municipal water district, irrigation district, lighting district, or any political subdivision of the state shall have the right to purchase the works and property occupied and used under said license and the works built or constructed for the enjoyment of the rights granted under said license; and in the event that the said state, city, city and county, municipal water district, irrigation district, lighting district or political subdivision of the state so desiring to purchase and the said owner of said works and property can not agree upon said purchase price, said price shall be determined in such manner as is now or may hereafter be determined in eminent domain proceedings. If it shall appear to the state water commission at any time after a permit or license is issued, said permit or license to the holder thereof, or licensee, or the heirs, successors, or assigns, of said permittee or licensee, has not put the water granted under said permit or license to the useful or beneficial purpose for which the permit or license was granted, or that the permittee or licensee, or the heirs, successors, or assigns of said permittee or licensee, has failed to observe any of the terms and conditions in the permit or license as issued, then and in that case the said commission, after due notice to the permittee, licensee, or the heirs, successors or assigns of such permittee or licensee, and a hearing thereon, may revoke said permit or license and declare the water to be unappropriated and open to further appropriation in accordance with the terms of this act. The findings and declaration of said commission shall be deemed to be prima facie correct until modified or set aside by a court of competent jurisdiction; *provided*, that any action brought so to modify or set aside such finding or declaration must be commenced within thirty days after the service of notice of said revocation on said permittee or licensee, his heirs, successors or assigns. And every licensee or permittee under the provisions of this act if he accepts such permit or license shall accept the same under the conditions precedent thereto and value whatsoever in excess of the actual amount paid to the state therefor shall at any time be assigned to or claimed for any permit or license granted or issued under the provisions of this act, or for any rights granted or acquired under the provisions of this act, in respect to the regulation by any competent public authority of the services or the price of the services to be rendered by any permittee or licensee, his heirs, successors or assigns or by the holder of any rights granted or acquired under the provisions of this act, or in respect to any valuation for purposes of sale to or purchase, whether through condemnation proceedings or otherwise, by the state or any city, city and county, municipal water district, irrigation district, lighting district or any political subdivision of the state, of the rights and property of any permittee or licensee, or the possessor of any rights granted, issued, or acquired under the provisions of this act. The application for a permit by municipalities for the use of water for said municipalities or the inhabitants thereof for domestic purposes shall be considered first in right, irrespective of whether they are first in time; *provided, however*, that such application for a permit or the granting thereafter of permission to any municipality to appropriate waters, shall not authorize the appropriation of any water for other than municipal purposes; and *providing, further*, that where permission to appropriate is granted by the state water commission to any municipality for any quantity of water in excess of the existing municipal needs therefor, that pending the application of the entire appropriation permitted, the state water commission shall have the power to issue permits for the temporary appropriation of the excess of such permitted appropriation over and above the quantity being applied from time to time by such municipality; and *providing, further*, that in lieu of the granting of such temporary permits for appropriation, the state water commission may authorize such municipality to become as to such surplus a public utility, subject to the jurisdiction and control of the railroad commission of the State of California for such period or periods from and after the date of the issuance of such permission to appropriate, as may be allowed for the application to municipal uses of the entire appropriation permitted; and *providing, further*, that when such municipality shall desire to use the additional water granted in its said application it may do so upon making just compensation for the facilities for taking, conveying and storing such additional water rendered valueless for said purposes, to the person, firm or corporation which constructed said facilities for the temporary use of said excess waters, and which compensation, if not agreed upon between the municipality and said person, firm or corporation, may be determined in the manner provided by law for determining the value of property taken by and through eminent domain proceedings.



Witness my hand and the seal of the Department of Public Works of the State of California, this twentieth day of July, 1942.

EDWARD HYATT  
State Engineer

By Harold Carlsberg  
Deputy

6/2/48

RECEIVED NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT TO

Sierra-Tale Co.

1-9-64

RECEIVED NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT TO

Name change to Sierra Tale Co.

10-5-66

RECEIVED NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT TO

United Sierra Division of Cyprus Mines Corporation

11-10-75 Asgd to Cyprus Industrial Minerals Company;

10/12/93 ASSIGNED TO DAVID M. ROGERS

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
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LICENSE  
TO APPROPRIATE WATER

ISSUED TO Elmer Oakes

DATED July 20, 1942

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